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SUBJECT: ECE 33RD SESSION

1. FOLLOWING LAST-MINUTE AGREEMENT ON DISPUTED AGENDA
TOPIC (SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCES),
33RD SESSION OF UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
OPENED APRIL 11 WITH SCHEDULED SPEECH BY STANOVNIK, IN
WHICH EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ATTEMPTED TO SET TONE AND THRUST
OF SESSIONS TO FOLLOW.

2. AGREEMENT ON AGENDA. AT BUREAU MEETING PREVIOUS
DAY, EAST HAD CONTINUED TO INSIST THAT SOVIET-PROPOSED
ITEM FOR PROVISIONAL AGENDA ON HOLDING OF ALL-EUROPEAN
CONFERENCES BE MADE A SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM AND REJECTED
MAKING IT A SUB-ITEM OF ITEM 5. AT WESTERN CAUCUS MEET-
ING THAT AFTERNOON EC-9 PROPOSED THAT SOVIET AGENDA ITEM
BE LINKED TO PRESENT ITEM 5 ON THE FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF
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THE COMMISSION BY WORDS "AS WELL AS" OR "AND". AFTER
OVERNIGHT CONSIDERATION THIS IDEA, EAST FINALLY GAVE IN
AND ACCEPTED EC PROPOSAL. EC-9 COMPROMISE LANGUAGE WAS
MOTIVATED BY CONCERN THAT IF SOVIETS WERE ALLOWED TO
HAVE SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM ON ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCES,
IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR THEM TO INSIST LATER ON SEPARATE
RESOLUTION.

3. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS FROM STANOVNIK SPEECH. ON CSCE: THE COMMISSION HAS RECEIVED A MAJOR IMPULSE FROM THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE AND HAS BECOME THE MAIN INSTRUMENT FOR MULTILATERAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT. AT BELGRADE I WAS IN A POSITION TO STATE: "ECE HAS IMPLEMENTED THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE CSCE IN BOTH THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT. IMPLEMENTATION HAS BEEN VOLUNTARY, VIGOROUS AND SUBSTANTIVE." THE NEW WORK PROGRAMME REFLECTS A STRONG COMMITMENT TO CONTINUING IMPLEMENTATION OF PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT.

ON A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT: THE POSSIBILITY OF CONVENING THIS HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ECE REPRESENTS A NEW VENTURE IN THE HISTORY OF THE COMMISSION AND OFFERS GREAT PROMISE. THE SUCCESS OF SUCH A MEETING MIGHT VERY WELL ENCOURAGE FURTHER CO-OPERATION IN THE REGION THROUGH ECE AND INVITE SIMILAR APPROACHES IN OTHER FIELDS. DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE PAST YEAR WITHIN THE COMMISSION HAVE JUSTIFIED THE HIGH HOPES AND EXPECTATIONS WHICH PROMPTED THE RESOLUTION LAST YEAR. I BELIEVE THAT THE COMMISSION WILL WISH TO SET IN MOTION THE PREPARATORY MACHINERY FOR THE MEETING AND TO GIVE CONCRETE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELABORATING A "PRECISE AND CAREFULLY PREPARED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGENDA". GUIDANCE AND CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS, IN MY VIEW, SHOULD BE GIVEN CONCERNING THE TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION, THE OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED AND THE TIME FRAME FOR ACHIEVING THESE OBJECTIVES. THESE ELEMENTS WOULD SEEM ESSENTIAL FOR A REALISTIC APPROACH LEADING TO THE DESIRED RESULT.

ON ENERGY: THERE IS A NEED FOR A MORE SYSTEMATIC AND DETAILED EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND FOR COMPREHENSIVE CONSIDERATION OF ENERGY BALANCES AND PERSPECTIVES IN THE REGION, WHICH MAY LEAD TO IDENTIFICATION OF PROBLEM AREAS WHERE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION MIGHT BE USEFUL OR NECESSARY. THE "NEW ISSUES" STUDY IS A FIRST APPROACH. WHILE MANY CONCLUSIONS HAVE BEEN DRAWN FROM THE "NEW ISSUES" STUDY, THE MOST IMPORTANT IMPLICATION FOR ECE IS THE NEED FOR STRENGTHENING EAST-WEST CO-OPERATION IN DEALING WITH ENERGY PROBLEMS BOTH IN THE SHORT AND THE LONG TERM. THE COMMISSION MAY CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER METHODS OF CO-OPERATION IN THE ENERGY FIELD. MY VIEWS ARE WELL KNOWN. FOR SOME TIME I HAVE BEEN URGING THE COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH CO-OPERATION IN THE GENERAL ENERGY FIELD ON A MORE PERMANENT AND SYSTEMATIC BASIS AND

NOT MERELY THROUGH PERIODIC AD HOC MEETINGS OF EXPERTS.
OTHER PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS - SUCH AS THOSE MADE BY
THE USSR - ARE EVEN MORE AMBITIOUS. IT WILL BE A MATTER
FOR POLITICAL CONSENSUS TO DETERMINE HOW FAR THE COMMIS-
SION IS PREPARED TO PROCEED AT THE PRESENT TIME.

ON TRADE: MORE ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO WAYS AND
MEANS FOR FURTHERING INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION AND PROJECTS
OF COMMON INTEREST. THE WORK INITIATED BY THE ECE SOME
YEARS AGO ON THE POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL
CO-OPERATION INFORMATION CENTRE SHOULD BE EXPLORED FURTHER.
THE SUGGESTIONS FOR THE POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF

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OPERATION MADE AT THE LAST SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON
THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE MERIT FURTHER CONSIDERATION
DESPITE THE LIMITED INTEREST SHOWN IN THEM AT THAT TIME.
THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL INFORMATION COLLECTED AND
DISSEMINATED THROUGH ECE SHOULD BE MORE READILY
ACCESSIBLE TO BUSINESS CIRCLES. CO-OPERATION WITH THE
INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED.
END HIGHLIGHTS FROM SPEECH. VANDEN HEUVEL

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